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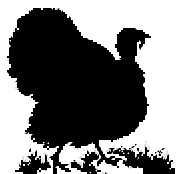
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady, instances firm. Limited trading centered on frozen hens and toms for immediate shipment. Offerings were adequate. Demand was fair. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Offerings of parts and meats were tight.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on small volumes of thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings generally short of needs.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 14, 2004**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-77	76-77	76.22	255.6	-	-	-	40	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	75-76	75.94	254	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	OCT

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-79	76	76.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	76	76.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF OCT 15, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	74.54	75.97	65.35
CENTRAL REGION	76.22	75.86	65.55
WESTERN REGION	76.50 **	76.00 **	66.29
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	74.54	75.81	63.00
CENTRAL REGION	75.94	76.00	64.00
WESTERN REGION	75.75	75.50 **	63.00

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	113-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	112-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	106-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	106-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	112-122

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT**

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 18-OCT-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>	<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (Promotions Included)	89.26 232	90.50 40
SALES (Promotions not included)	89.26 232	90.50 40
SALES (Promotions only)		
SALES (Price to be determined)	40	

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

September	425,583*
October 1-9, 2004	118,899*
Last week Oct 1-2 should have read:	19,314
To date 2004	3,898,962*
To date 2003	4,181,145*

\*Preliminary

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 09-Oct-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
North East	615	4	20.15	(A)	616 20.15
South Atlantic	865	14	30.12	(A)	866 30.12
North Central	2,134	-1	31.81	(A)	2,135 31.81
South Central	469	3	21.10	(A)	469 21.10
West	324	-12	24.99	(A)	324 24.99
U.S. total	4,407(B)	2	28.22	3	4,410 28.22
To-date					
2004	173,296(B)			292	173,588
To-date					
2003	187,137(B)			554	187,691

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 46,000; for the current year to date 2,080,000; for last year to date 2,559,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 09-Oct-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	1,698	2,663	46	3 4,410
Avg Wt	15.89	36.11	25.24	41.94 28.22
Last week	1,650	2,615	58	3 4,326
Same wk yr ago	1,848	2,869	88	10 4,815
Avg Wt	15.80	34.86	23.92	26.55 27.33
To-date/2004	69,037	102,179	2,080	292 173,588
To-date/2003	75,185	109,393	2,559	554 187,691

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT,** FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 OCTOBER 2004.

The white meat market was steady to fully steady with wing meat with skin in the strongest position. Demand light to instances good, mostly fair with wing meat with skin the most active. Offerings were held with confidence with activity consisting mostly of spot and part loads. Domestic trading was moderate on fresh wing meat with skin at 118 and on fresh tom breast meat for current shipments. Export demand was light to fair with interest noted from Canada on fresh tom breast meat. Interest was also noted from Asia, Mexico, Central and South America, and Russia. Export trading was slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	95.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	155.00		155.00	90
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	91.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	44.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	55.75		55.75	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	50.00		50.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	94.00		94.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	27.00	8
NECKS, HEN		F	23.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	173.00		173.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	212.00		212.00	240
THIGH MEAT		F	82.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00-92.00		91.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	129.00		129.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	108.00	64
TENDERLOINS	162.00		162.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	189.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	78.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	45.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	25.00-28.00		26.70	92
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	22.94	268
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00		90.00	104

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The white meat market was mostly steady to fully steady, firm on wing meat with skin. Demand was about fair for the limited supplies. Domestic trading was light on fresh scapula at 111-113. Fresh thigh meat was fully steady for the tight supplies, frozen thigh meat was adequate and steady at best. Light trading on tails at 28-29 and hearts at 24 cents. Export demand was light to instances good. Trading was active on fresh tom drums at 42 cents delivered. Livers traded at 21 cents delivered port. Interest was noted from Russia and Mexico.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	95.00	200	95.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	155.00	90	150.48	175
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	40	88.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.33	60	43.20	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	44.00	40	44.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	57.00		57.00	6	55.81	126
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	50.00	20	49.20	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	94.00	20	94.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	27.00	8	28.38	26
NECKS, HEN		F	23.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	173.00	40	170.71	56
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	212.00-214.00		212.91	220	212.29	630
THIGH MEAT		F	82.00	40		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00-94.00		90.28	86	91.00	160
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	129.00	40	128.50	200
SCAPULA MEAT	106.00		106.00	20	106.00	20
TENDERLOINS		R	162.00	40	162.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	164.00		164.00	20	164.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	78.00	40	78.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00-189.00		188.56	36	188.92	196
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	21.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		R	19.00	80	18.72	144
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	45.00	20	45.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	26.70	92	27.09	132
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00-20.50		20.25	80	22.32	348
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00		80.00	80	85.18	376

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